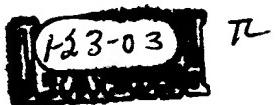


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January 23, 2003

**Director of U.S. Patents and Trademarks
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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

SIR:
Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1) for a one-month extension of time, or any such further extension as may be necessary in which to file a response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2002.

The Office is hereby authorized to debit our Deposit Account No. 13-1717 in the amount of \$110.00 or any amount that may be required to reflect the correct amount due.

A duplicate copy of this request is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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